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SENATOR BEUTLER: This is FA1674, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that right, Mr. Clerk? I didn't hear you.

CLERK: Yes, sir. Yes. Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the...there are two separate amendments that I have here. Both are mostly technical in nature. And I think Senator Bourne is agreeable to both of them. Certainly, they're both offered in the spirit of helping the bill. This particular amendment simply makes clear that in a particular paragraph that talks about the filing of a motion, that the paragraph is relevant to criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings. So that's very technical in nature. And then in a second part of the amendment, it makes clear that the subsection (3) third party is protected under subsection (2) on page 4, in the same manner that the advocate or the victim is protected, and cannot be compelled to provide testimony in certain types of proceedings. That third party that we're talking about is a phrase...is a person and a phrase that they've included...Senator Bourne has included in other sections, and has rightfully included, since that third party would be the translator, or a person who was helping a victim communicate with an advocate. And so, as in other provisions of the bill, it seemed appropriate here that the third party should be included in the language. So I would offer those two quasi-technical amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on FA1674, by Senator Beutler. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Thank you, Senator Beutler. I most definitely support this amendment. I think it makes the bill better and adds some clarity. So I appreciate your reviewing this and making this suggestion, and I support it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further